

Monroe County Art in Public Places Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday – December 8, 2014 – 4:00 pm
Gato Building, 1100 Simonton St., 1st Floor Conference Room, Key West

In attendance were Committee members: Sue D'Antonio, Beth Kaminstein, Dave Andrews, Nance Frank, Jeffrey Harwell; Staff: Liz Young, Jodell Roberts; Non-voting Panel Members: Jane Muir-Isherwood, Holly Elomina, Monroe County Project Management: Doug Sposito

Meeting was called to order at 3:59 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2014

Motion: Nance moved to approve the November 10, 2014 minutes; seconded by Beth. The motion was passed unanimously.

Freeman Justice Center - Site A: Selected artist: Fran Decker. Installation complete on November 18. Contract \$2,000.

Current and New Projects – Status Update – Report & discussion with Doug Sposito

Doug Sposito provided the following updates:

Marathon Court House – Michael Ingram, Architect. **Budget \$8,311.05.** No updates.

Marathon Airport – The customs facility is an approximately \$1M County project. The airport pays for its own renovations even though the County manages and does the work. The architect is Anthony Sarno at K2M Design. Estimated completion date is 2015.

Senior Nutrition Center – Bill Horn is the architect. This \$600,000 Key West project at Georgia and Truman (next to Harvey Govt. Center) will most likely be out to bid after the holidays. The County has concept of a public art location and would like three mental security panels on the outside of the building as public art. Discussion followed regarding the use of the County's potential portion of funds for security for the project that could be added to the AIPP budget.

Magnolia Street (Key Largo) Public Works – This is a \$600,000 public works project at Magnolia Street and Atlantic, with proposals out early next year. The existing building will likely be torn down to make way for a new structure. CSA is the architect for the project. Estimated completion date is 2015. The 1% Ordinance for Public Art will, most likely, not apply.

Plantation Key Court House – Design will take a year on this project with estimated early 2016 for construction bids. This is a \$10 - \$12M project for an entirely new building. The existing building will probably be renovated for office space or other use.

Summerland Key Fire Station – several sites are being considered for purchase. Specifically looking at the old Shrimp Farm property, but has been delayed.

Marathon Library – Site is located on School District property and an interlocal agreement between the Monroe County School District and the County is currently being done which could take two to three months.

Big Pine Key Swimming Hole – Project is moving along. Adding bathroom facilities.

Bernstein Park, Stock Island. Should be putting out construction bid in February or March. This is a significant project that will take eight to ten months. The site needs to be elevated. There are issues with neighbors regarding where water will drain once elevated.

Public Works Facility for Lower Keys – is a future project where County offices of Project Management, Public Works, and Engineering will be located and probably sited in Rockland Key near where the proposed shopping center is located. Development of this project is estimated for 2 years in the future.

Jefferson Brown Building – Plans to renovate within the next few years. Issues with historic jail that will be renovated as a museum. Jefferson Brown Building demolition is a challenge.

Doug Sposito addressed the committee regarding his efforts to organize art in the park event(s) for Blue Heron Park in Big Pine Key and seeks input from various people in the community. He would like to reduce artists entry fees to help artists. Liz suggested connecting him to the Artisan Market in Key West. Sue D'Antonio will connect him with Artists in Paradise gallery in Big Pine Key.

Doug Sposito leaves the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

Key West Airport TSA Area etched glass – On hold

The following projects have been placed **on hold** by the BOCC as of March 18, 2009:

Old Tavernier School and Jefferson Brown Bldg.

Marathon Emergency Operations Center – Design phase (no funds available)

Review and Recommend for the Freeman Justice Center Drug Court lobby & meeting room:

Submitted proposals from qualified artists, Sean Callahan, Fran Decker, Stephen LaPierre, Amy Chan, Stephanie Jaffe Werner, and Jonathon Shork were viewed, discussed, and scored. Sue recused herself from the scoring on Fran Decker. Included within the discussion were that to avoid bids in RFPs that are less than the budgeted amount for a project, RFP's could be revised to included language that the budget for art is a firm dollar amount. Both non-voting panel members Jane Muir-Isherwood and Holly Elomina liked the Chan art work with Jane also liked Callahan's art work.

Holly Elomina leaves the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Jane Muir-Isherwood leaves at 5:09 p.m.

MOTION: Nance made a motion to recommend Amy Chan, who has received the top ranking score, as the RFP chosen for Freeman Justice Center #2 – Drug Court Lobby and Meeting Room; Jeff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Other business – Sue has been reappointed by Commissioner Neugent to serve on the Art in Public Places Committee for an additional four year term.

Sue spoke of the upcoming FAPAP conference where Patricia Walsh from Americans for the Arts will be the keynote speaker.

Peter Horton will be the Arts Council's Unsung Hero for the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys.

Jeff asked about any progress with the Key West Higgs Beach project. Liz has spoken with Carol Schreck, and there is a problem with graves located at the site and issues with the FAA tower. Liz suggested inviting Commissioner Carruthers or Carol to come and address the beach plan with the committee. There could be a FAPAP Conference session regarding the park at the beach.

Liz suggested inviting the new Director of Airports, Don DeGraw, to an AIPP meeting, possibly for the February or the April meeting in Key West.

Public Input – No members of the public were present.

Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jodell Roberts
Business Manager